

# Life in the Word

*Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson*



Sermon Series: **1 John Series**

Sermon Title: **Jesus is My Defense Attorney in Heaven**

Scripture Passage: **1 John 2:1-2**

**Getting Started** Sharing from personal experience

We have all heard of attorneys who give the legal profession a questionable reputation and a bad name. Why do you think this is?

Do a little investigation. How many scriptures can you find that mention the term “lawyer?”

**Observation** Discovering the context

Where would you go in the Bible to find out what sin is? What is it?

Some people think 1 John 1:9 gives Christians a “pass” to sin because God forgives us no matter what. What do you think? How does Romans 6:1-4 and 1 John 2:1 contradict this line of thinking?

How would you be able to recognize a believer who is “living in the light” from one who is not?

1 John 2:1-3 claims that you have an “advocate” in heaven when you sin. Why does John call Jesus Christ our advocate and why do we need one?

What do you think qualifies Jesus to be a compassionate, understanding advocate? Find a scripture that supports your answer.

In each of the following passages, who does Jesus call the “advocate?” How does He describe His role in each one?

John 14:16

John 14:26

John 15:26

### **Interpretation** Discovering the meaning

According to John 8:44, Satan is the father of lies. How does Revelation 12:9-11 describe Satan’s activity?

Name at least three types of accusations Satan brings against believers.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What satanic accusations have you had to deal with as a believer? How did you know they were lies about you? How did you deal with them?

Most of us have sung the hymn “In Christ Alone” many times. In one verse the lyrics say: “And on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.” 1 John 2:2-3 claims that Jesus went to the defense of humanity as the propitiation for our sins. In your own words, what is the doctrine of propitiation? Try to use scripture to “defend” your answer.

## **Core Truths** Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

## **Practice Makes Progress** Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

## **Worth Memorizing**

Scripture: "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2

## **Prayer Time**

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

## **Praise Time**

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?